GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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PROMOTION OF BUDDHIST TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to promote the places of Buddhist interest in the country;

(b) if so, the financial assistance given to various States during the last three years, till date; and (C) the infrastructures developed in Lalitgiri, Udaygiri and Ratnagiri in Orissa to facilitate Buddhist pilgrims and tourists at those places?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): Ministry of Tourism is promoting India as a country of diverse attractions including Buddhist heritage sites. The Ministry undertakes campaigns in the print, internet and electronic media in domestic and overseas markets for this purpose.

(b): State-wise details of projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for development and promotion of tourism during the last three years are given in the Annexure.

(c): The following projects have been sanctioned for development/upgradation of infrastructure at Lalitgiri, Udaygiri and Ratnagiri in Orissa.

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Project sanctioned	Amount
2004-05	Integrated development of Buddhist circuit of Lalitgiri, Ratnagiri, Udaygiri and Langudi	740.67
2005-06	Integrated development of Bhubaneshwar-Dhauli- Puri-Konark circuit including Khandagiri- Udaygiri caves.	720.09